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wherein the Examiner required restriction to one of the following Groups of claims:

- Group I: Claims 1-11
- Group II: Claims 12-22
- Group III: Claim 23-25
- Group IV: Claim 26-32.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elect without traverse to prosecute **Group I, claims 1-11**. It is respectfully submitted that all of the objections and requirements of the Office Action have been met, and early, favorable treatment of this application is requested. Authorization is hereby provided to charge any fees, or credit any overpayment, in

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connection with this transmittal to Deposit Account No. 50-0305 of Chapman and Cutler LLP. The examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned with any questions or comments.

Respectfully submitted,



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